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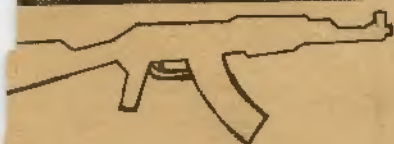
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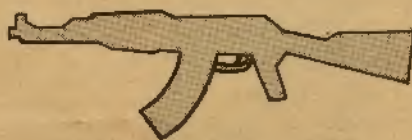
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THE OAK PARK FOUR ACQUITTED



On May 9, 1970, in the Black Oak Park Community of Sacramento, California, a city patrol pig was critically wounded by a sniper. A few days later on May 13, 1970 the pig, Bennett, expired.

After Bennett's death, a massive manhunt was conducted. Day after day, the people were terrorized in the same manner as the people in New Orleans, South Africa and Viet Nam. When this reign of fascist terror didn't produce results, the Sacramento City Council offered a \$5,000 reward for information that could lead to the arrest of the sniper.

At this point, a deranged dope addict came to the front with not only evidence about the murderer but also with evidence about a conspiracy. On May 9th, Lamont "Buster" Rose allegedly over-

heard Mark Teemer, Jack Strivers, Booker T. Cooke and Crispus Attucks talking in McClellan Park about killing a pig. Later on he allegedly observed the brothers implementing their plan.

Both Dr. Carl Drake, a psychiatrist and Dr. Walter Bromberg, a neurologist and psychologist have testified that Buster Rose is incompetent as a witness. The doctors heard three days of Rose's testimony without the jury present. They compiled a complete medical history of Rose which included a report of brain damage. After hearing the doctor's expert analysis, the judge decided to accept Rose's testimony anyway. However, later in the trial proceedings the judge refused to

allow the prosecution witnesses to corroborate their testimony. For the prosecuting attorney this was an unexpected turnover that forced him to file a motion for acquittal. Last week after eight months incarceration on obviously false charges, the Oak Park Four were released. Like the people freed Black Panther Party Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton in August and now the Oak Park Four, so the people must go forward to free Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale and sister Ericka Huggins who are both facing the electric chair in New Haven, Connecticut.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CREATES "BLACK AMERICAN DAY"

It is interesting to note that the fascist Reagan regime in California has suddenly decided to give its black folks some play. After a long legal struggle, Reagan and company finally decided to set aside a day just for Black people.

A month ago, the Black Panther Party had selected March 5, 1971 as an Intercommunal Day of Solidarity for Chairman Bobby Seale and a Post Birthday Celebration for the Black Panther Party Minister of Defense and Supreme Commander, Huey P. Newton.

Just a few days ago the State of California declared March 5th as Black American Day. Why the State chose March 5th is a puzzlement even to their own pig media who wrote, "the Senate Finance Committee changed the date with no explanation given." In the original bill, January 15th, the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled for the observance.

Concerned Black citizens had been previously trying to get either the January 15th date or April 5th as a tribute to Malcolm X. One thing is certain, the racist State legislators turned a deaf ear to the wants and desires of its Black citizens and arbitrarily chose March 5th as the date to honor Black America. Allegedly this date was chosen because it is the anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks. This year, 1971, marks the 201st anniversary of Attucks' demise.

Around the time of his death, the British Empire was extracting excessive taxes from its American colonial subjects and the British soldiers had set up garrisons in key cities such as Boston, Philadelphia and Charleston, N.C. Disciplinary actions had already been taken against the people in New York by customs agents and, protest actions in other cities, particularly Boston, had become very vigorous. The American people were demanding an end to British rule and an end to taxation without representation. Fights broke out between the colonial subjects and the British Empire.

Crispus Attucks, a black sailor, chaincabin boy and runaway slave also believed in "freedom". The ex-slave of twenty years also believed that British rule must come to an end. On a chilly day in March 1770, Crispus Attucks led a group of patriots against British troops who were occupying Boston. The valiant black man was armed only with a stick. The British opened fire and five people were killed. Crispus Attucks was the first to be killed, thus becoming the martyr of the Boston Massacre.

It is ironic that the first man to die in the prelude to the American Revolutionary War was a Black man, a runaway-slave, who had interwoven his individual freedom and presumably the freedom of his people into the freedom of his oppressor. What is even more saddening is the fact that some four to six years later, these same men who Crispus Attucks had cast his lot with and laid down his life for willfully, systematically, and with cold-blooded and inhuman intent denied Black people the same rights this Black man had shed his blood for. This is the essence of the debasement the slave has to pay the master; he has to forfeit his life to perpetuate the master's rule.

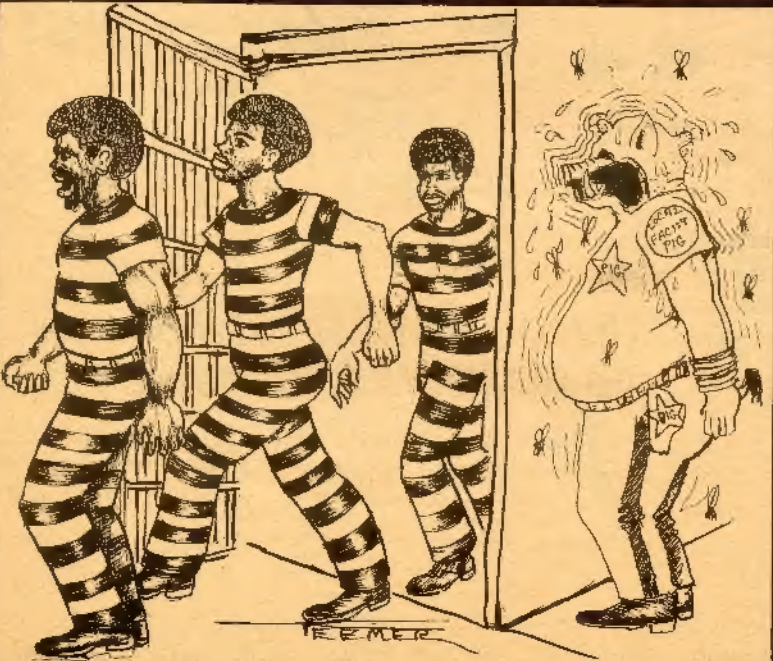
The racist ruling clique in California, headed by Ronald Reagan, wouldn't concede to the people's demands and choose the birthday of a black freedom fighter who is more relevant to Black people, such as Brother Malcolm X, or Denmark Vesey or Nat Turner. The State law, in part, states that "March 5th of each year is designated and set apart as Black American Day to direct attention to the development of Black People in the United States of America." In other words, the stipulation for Black people's development is predicated on what lengths the slave will serve the master. The State law goes on further to state that "all public schools and institutions shall observe this day with suitable exercises".

As if in sacred obedience, suddenly since the official announcement by the State of Black American day, numerous organizations have set aside March 5th for various rallies and/or celebrations. It is reminiscent of the Congress of African People's futile attempt to undermine the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention Plenary session in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend, 1970 by scheduling their conference in Atlanta at the very same time.

The official emblem adopted by the state for Black American Day bears the inscription "Be all you can be." However, the fundamental question is for whom. Be all you can be in the interests of the oppressor or be all you can be in the struggle for the liberation of the world's oppressed.

FREE BOBBY & ERICKA

Central Headquarters
Ministry of Information
Black Panther Party



A STRIKE FOR SELF - DETERMINATION

On February 1st, the students of Merritt College seized the business office of the college and called for a general strike in support of the demands for community control of Merritt and "keeping the Grove street campus open and in full operation." The take over started at 8:30 in the morning and was led by the combined forces of the

Student Union, Chicano Student Union, Asian Alliance, Women's Student Union and the Revolutionary Students Department. Over 1,500 students participated in the picketing, and a majority of the students of the college boycotted classes. The take-over and strike was the culmination of 5 months of struggle on the part of the students to achieve self-determination for the students as well as for all oppressed people.

Since the fall of 1970, students have been struggling to seek a just solution to the problems we face on the Merritt College campus. We had spoke to Doctor Norvel Smith, the Administration and the Peralta School board. But they refused to listen to our demands for self-determination. They told us that we were engaging in "cheap rhetoric." Finally after several attempts at discussing the situation, we went in mass to a Peralta school District meeting and jammed the board

in favor of the four demands that we presented, the accepted demands were:

1. Community control of Merritt
2. Our own funds to run the college.
3. Community control of Alameda and Laney Colleges.
4. Keep the Grove Street campus open and in full operation.

After voting in favor of our demands the board started to backslide, almost immediately.



Protesting students marched on the administrative offices at Merritt Junior College in Oakland

They began to make plans to move equipment, supplies, most of the course offerings, and library materials to the Hill College campus. (A site in an all-White, petty bourgeois, suburban community). This was done in an effort to make students go by force, not by their choice, to the Hill Campus. As if that weren't enough, they began to act as though they didn't know what Community control meant. They slandered us on T.V. and in the press. They even went so far as to sic their top bootlicker, Norvel "Fetchit" Smith, on us. Understanding that we couldn't be successful in our struggle against the Board, if we didn't develop a mass movement of students, we began an educational program. We wanted to educate and involve all the

students of the campus in the struggle for control of the school.

The B.S.U. in particular began to implement survival programs in the community, such as a Free Breakfast and Free Clothing Program and a Day Care Center, and along with other organizations on campus, we conducted a very extensive educational program for students, faculty and community people. This educational process continued to the beginning of the winter quarter. At that point the board and administration had completely gone back on their word. Instead of honoring our demands on community control, and keeping Grove Street campus open and in full operation, they began to sabotage our struggle for these de-

mands.

We examined the situation and decided that we had to take our struggle to a higher level. To combat the treacherous activities of the Peralta Board, and the Merritt Administration, the different organizations moved on the Business Office. We weren't quite sure how the students would respond to the take-over. To our satisfaction, the students responded in a strong and revolutionary fashion. In short our educational campaign to raise the level of awareness of the students paid off. Over 1,500 students immediately boycotted classes and attended a mass meeting in the auditorium to make plans for the picketing and a unified general strike. Picket lines were set up and students moved through the

school talking to other students in classes, 80% of the student body and faculty supported the take-over and strike. The Black Studies Department and Chicano Studies Department closed down completely. Norvel Smith, President of the college, began to try and buy us off by offering the students, who were involved in the take-over, amnesty. But we wouldn't be bought off. How can you compromise your survival?

The picketing lasted all day and we converged upon the school board meeting that evening, 700 strong. It took many hours of oinks and lles, but we put the board up against the wall and they voted in favor of our demands. We submitted our previous 4 demands and also demanded:

1.) That no pigs be sent on campus, and if they do come on campus, the board would condemn any act of violence initiated by the pigs.

2.) All equipment courses, library material, cafeteria, everything stays at Merritt.

At this time we left the Business Office and reactivated our call for a general strike. But understanding the true nature of the board and its lackies at Merritt, we understand that most of the demands that they voted in favor of, they won't be able to deliver. So therefore they will probably go back on their words. At this time we are preparing for March, where we know, we will be beginning the final stage of our struggle, "Until victory for the demands we have made."

BLACK STUDENTS UNION
MERRITT COLLEGE

PANTHER ARRESTED FOR JAY-WALKING

From the time of the inception of the Southern California Chapter of the Black Panther Party, all of the various fascist elements of Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, Santa Ana, in conjunction with the U.S. Empire king of oppression, J. Edgar Hoover, have conspired and plotted against the existence of the vanguard Party. When Alprentice Bunchy Carter, Deputy Minister of Defense of the Southern California Chapter (assassinated on January 17, 1969) organized the Chapter, it became clear to the pigs that for their own well-being they had to fabricate cases against Panther members; and two young bootlickers (black pigs) were chosen as the tools to help create these cases. These two lackies (Adams and Farwell) have been assigned as Party watch-dogs, scouts before a raid and court witnesses for conspiracy cases.

Adams, however, had not been seen by any Party members for quite a while after the December 8th, 1969, raids on our offices and homes. But recently Adams popped up again, trying to in-

midate a servant of the People. On January 26, 1971, while selling Black Panther Party newspapers, Lemuel "Hysywa" James was kidnapped from the streets - on a jay-walking warrant.

Hysywa was disseminating information to the People, when two Los Angeles County Sheriffs, Deputy Palmer and Deputy Stoneman of Lennox Division, pulled up and demanded his I.D. However, in 10 minutes, the pigs had produced an alleged jay-walking warrant. They arrested Hysywa on this pretext. Once at Lennox Division, it became obvious that the real reason for kidnapping the brother from the streets was so he could be turned over to nigger pig Adams for interrogation. Adams, in a desperate attempt to save face (as he had turned in so little information to his bosses recently), fiendishly questioned Hysywa. Finding that he wasn't getting any answers, Adams became completely frustrated. He began to use coercion. And finally, he resorted to physically attacking Hysywa with the use of his goon squad. But all of this

proved void for Adams.

Adams has moved from informer to gestapo trooper. For he, like his brother bootlickers, is the type who, as Malcolm said, "... would give their life to save



the Master's house, quicker than the Master would." And the People know who Detective Adams, former Jefferson High School Student, 77th Division, Los Angeles Police Department is. And the People know the Master's house is on fire.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

MT. VERNON PIGS TO INSTALL PEOPLE WATCHERS

As the political consciousness and awareness of the oppressed people here in the communities of North America intensifies in understanding the necessity for armed struggle to transform the conditions of their lives, the repression by the American Empire's ruling class increases.

In the January 13, 1971 issue of a local Mt. Vernon, N.Y., newspaper, the city announced its intentions of installing a "police-operated, low level television system" which will provide 24 hour remote control surveillance of the Mount's Fourth Avenue shopping area. The federal government granted the city pigs \$32,000 to install the cameras which will be placed on light poles on both the corners of Fourth Avenue and First Street and Fourth Avenue and Second Street. Sometime in February

these cameras that can detect anyone within 1/2 mile even in extreme darkness will be installed. The Fourth Avenue Area just happens to be the heart of the Mt. Vernon Black community and the location of the shopping area most frequented by Panthers and community workers selling papers.

However these new mechanical pigs being added to the force cannot stifle the revolutionary fervor in the masses of poor, oppressed people. Following the example of the courageous Vietnamese people, we will not be trapped by the oppressor's genocidal attempts to pen us in the many urban ghettos throughout the North American community. "The spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

PANTHER KIDNAPPED AND BEATEN BY SPECIAL GESTAPO PIGS



This is an account told by Carol Rucker, a member of the San Francisco Branch of the Black Panther Party, of what happened Thursday evening, Jan. 28, 1971, when she was beaten and kidnapped by special pigs.

"I had just dropped Earlene off at the San Francisco Black Panther Party office on Fillmore Street. I was driving down Fillmore Street headed toward Fisherman's Wharf. I was down by Washington Street, when I looked in the mirror and noticed for the first time that there were three pigs following me in a white Plymouth - two white pigs and a nigger pig. I was on my way to a book store to deliver Panther papers, which is part of my regular paper route each week. The pigs followed me all the way to the store. When I got out I didn't see them any more. I didn't know whether they had turned or gone on past me. I went on into the store, and when I came out, I still didn't see them anywhere. I got back in the car and drove on down the street further (I was on Geary Street). When I got to the corner and made my turn, I saw them in the mirror again. I then decided to call into the San Francisco O.D. (Officer of the Day) and let him know what was happening. By the time I had parked the car and was opening the door to get out, the pigs had pulled up alongside of me and had opened their car door and told me to get in.

I told them that I wouldn't get in the car until they showed some identification, and I also asked if I was under arrest. One of the white pigs pulled out a badge and I read the number on it, (it read H3, Special Police). They then asked me to get in the car again. I asked them again if I was under arrest and what were the charges. The nigger pig then grabbed me and pulled me out of the car completely, and one of the white pigs threw me on the ground. The second white pig pulled a stick from the back of the pig car and put it on my neck and held his foot on it. The nigger pig then walked over me and got in my car

and drove off. (The car is still missing. It is a Green 1968 LeMans, license number WHY - 173.)

One of the white pigs handcuffed me, while the other pig continued standing on my neck. Then I was picked up and thrown against the car and searched. Then for the third time they told me to get into the car. I asked them for the third time if I was under arrest and what were my charges. Then one of the pigs hit me and knocked me against the car and threw me in.

This whole incident took place around 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., in the downtown area of San Francisco. There were many people walking back and forth along the streets. Most of them were white businessmen and housewives going shopping.



CAROL RUCKER

The only reaction the people had to the whole incident was what was it I had done to cause the pigs to treat me so. At no time did anyone try to stop the pigs or even ask them directly what they were doing.

When the pigs had first gotten out of the car, I noticed they were staggering, and their eyes were red. I assumed that they were drunk.

When we were inside the car, they were laughing and making jokes about the Party (Black Panther Party), using party terminology. They were also trying to get me to answer a lot of questions: one of them was about David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party. They wanted to know what kind of "business" he had back East; and if he was back East or was he at "homebase" as they put it. They also made a joke about killing a Panther sister by having sexual intercourse with her until she would die. They said it as if this would be one way of really hurting me. I didn't answer any of their questions. They also asked me if this was the first time I was a victim of police brutality.

They took me across the Golden Gate bridge towards Marin. One of

the pigs sitting in the back with me, knocked me over. I had no control over my falling, cause my hands were still handcuffed behind my back, so I fell on the floor of the car. By the time I got up again, we were driving into the Marin jail. They took me directly inside the building and put me in a holding cell. I wasn't booked or anything. Then some other pigs came in and started asking me a whole lot of questions about my identity: such as my name, address in San Francisco, phone number, where I lived before I came to San Francisco, how long had I been working with the S.F. branch of the Black Panther Party, questions about my family etc. The only questions I answered was my name and my address. I refused to answer anything else. They threatened me to answer, until one reactionary pig came in and started beating me and knocking me into the wall. My hands were still handcuffed behind my back, so I was unable to control myself from falling. I fell into the wall and hit my head, and after that I was unconscious. I don't know how long I was out, but when I came to, they said I had been out for four hours and could make two calls. I first called the Central Headquarters of the Black Panther Party in Oakland. They wouldn't let me make the second call, just put my handcuffs back on me and threw me back in the cell. About five minutes or so later, the same two pigs who had picked me up, came in and took me to Oakland, down at the very end of Seventh Street near the railroad tracks. They pulled me out of the car, searched me again and then kicked me down and then drove off. At no time was I told that I was under arrest, that I had committed some crime or anything.

As Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party has said:

"...We must recognize that a woman can be just as revolutionary as a man... the pigs recognize a revolutionary woman to be just as much a threat as a revolutionary man."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



PIGS RAILROAD PANTHER EDDIE CONWAY TO LIFE IN PRISON

The vicious American judicial system has once again claimed the life of an innocent black man.

Marshall Eddie Conway had been charged with murder of one Baltimore City pig (Donald Segar) and assault with intent to commit murder on two other Baltimore pigs. (one of whom was Sager's partner, Sierakowski). Eddie's trial began Monday January 4, 1971 and ended Friday January 22, 1971.



EDDIE CONWAY

The first day of the railroading, Eddie was brought into the court in handcuffs. This same day Eddie demanded that he receive a postponement, because he had never talked to his court-appointed lawyer, and therefore knew that this lawyer could not offer sufficient representation. The pig judge Charles Harris immediately said "No", and said that the trial could not be put off another day. After Eddie told Harris that the trial could go on, but he refused to be present, Hangman Harris ordered his henchmen to remove Eddie from

the courtroom. After Eddie was removed from the courtroom selection of the jury began. It took less than two hours to select a jury of 10 Bootlicking blacks, and two racist whites.

All through the trial, prosecuting pig, Peter Ward, used lies and tricks to help insure Eddie's railroading. The first four days were composed of the testimonies of pig witnesses who all testified against Eddie, based on other lies that other pigs had used. But, as witness after witness came to the stand, nobody could testify that he had actually seen Eddie kill pig Sager. On Friday, Peter Ward called on a paid informer, to present another lie against Eddie, Charles Reynolds, and the Black Panther Party. Earlier Reynolds was brought from another prison to share Eddie's cell for three days to act as a spy for Peter Ward and his fascist machinery. Eddie knew before Reynolds was actually in the cell that Ward would try such a trick, and thus demanded that pig Reynolds not be put in his cell. However, when Reynolds took the stand, he said that Eddie told him that our present Defense Captain, Paul Coates, gave the orders for Eddie, and others to kill pig Sager. Coates at this time was not even in a leadership position, but was a rank-and-file Panther just as Eddie was. It would be only a fool who would believe that Eddie would be stupid enough to say anything at all to a known pig. With the testimony of

pig informer Charles Reynolds, we see another attempt by the pigs to destroy our Party.

As Eddie's trial went into its second week, the contradictions between the pigs and the people became more apparent. Eddie had been absent from the courtroom everyday. But his railroading continued full steam ahead. He was denied the lawyer of his choice and against his will was forced to have a court-appointed lawyer represent him. The pig judge had Eddie brought into court several times just long enough to tell Eddie that it was his constitutional right to be present at his trial. And each time Eddie informed this pig judge that all his rights were being denied anyway and that he refused to participate in a political railroading.

Friday, January 22, brought the pre-planned verdict from Eddie's non-peer group jury. In less than 4 hours, the jury found Eddie guilty of murder in the first degree, which automatically carries a sentence of life in jail. In doing this the pig feel that they have successfully laid a base from which they can build a pyramid of Panther convictions.

Eddie has been in jail for 9 months now and we know that only through the people's efforts will he ever be on the streets again.

Free Eddie
All Power to the People

Black Panther Party
Baltimore Chapter

SEARCH AND SEIZURE IN THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY

On Jan. 24, 1971, in an oppressed community near Chicago, Governor Ogilvie's fascist (Ill. State Troopers) proved once again that the oppressed have no rights that the oppressor is bound to respect. The pigs jumped on two buses headed for Chicago in order to carry out another "Search and Seizure operation." The driver of Greyhound bus No. 1542, stated to the passengers after stopping at the community of Braidwood which is about 62 miles southwest of Chicago that, the bus had mechanical trouble and the passengers could wait inside the roadside cafe until a repair crew came. Also the deceiving driver stated that all luggage would be left on the original bus. The fascist State Police then proceeded to search every piece of luggage on Bus No. 1542, and another bus No. 4127.

In order to further befuddle the minds of the masses, the

pigs came out with the lie that a bomb was aboard. This story involves a basic contradiction, because the pigs in State cars 5-64 and 5-91 came in and stated that the bomb scare originated in St. Louis at the departure time of 12:15 A.M. and the buses weren't stopped until 4:45 A.M. So in essence the pigs were saying that they knew of the bomb scare in St. Louis and trailed the buses until they were 62 miles from Chicago before reacting to it. The other pigs assisting in the "Search and Seizure operation" were cars 5-80, 5-51 and 5-100, 5-16, and 5-33, 5-63, 5-78, Chief Pig J.J. O'Hagan, made a "routine check" of the passengers themselves. As we all know the term "routine check" as used by the fascist pigs of Babylon can mean anything from intense questioning to outright brutalization of the oppressed masses.

The people's rights were

violated in every respect and finally the pigs confiscated the two buses and the people's luggage and sent to Chicago for two more. All of the people who had to transfer buses in Chicago were held up and detained as if they were in Maximum security prison. The bus driver and officers tried to pacify the people with flimsy excuses, but the masses knew that their rights were blatantly abused and trampled on. This Gestapo-like "Search and seizure operation" is another example of America's move toward open fascism. It is the people's basic human right to travel unhindered from community to community without fear of harassment and illegal searches.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
THROUGH REVOLUTIONARY
INTERCOMMUNALISM

East St. Louis, Ill.



STATEMENT BY JAN CRUMB, PRESIDENT OF VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR



Barbaric atrocities of pig U.S. Military lackeys

"It has been often remarked but seldom remembered that war is itself a crime. Yet a war crime is more, and other than war. It is an atrocity beyond the usual barbaric bounds of war. It is legal definition, growing out of custom and tradition, supported by every 'civilized' nation in the world, including our own. It is an act beyond the pale of acceptable actions in war. Deliberate killing or torturing of prisoners of war is a war crime. Deliberate destruction, without military purpose, of civilian communities is a war crime. The use of certain arms and armaments, and of gas, is a war crime. The forceable relocation of population, for any purpose, is a war crime.

"All of these crimes have been committed by the U.S. government over the past ten years in Indochina. An estimated

1,000,000 South Vietnamese civilians have been killed because of these war crimes. A good portion of the reported 700,000 National Liberation Front and North Vietnamese soldiers killed, have died as a result of these war crimes. And no one knows how many North Vietnamese civilians, Cambodian civilians and Laotian civilians have died as a result of these war crimes.

"But we, as veterans of the war in Indochina, know who has committed these crimes. We have—at the behest and orders of the U.S. Military. And we say that the result, whatever the intent, is genocide. We say, whatever the furor and outrage and final outcome, that this policy—de facto or otherwise—of genocide, must be fully examined here and now in America. For it is America now, not Hitler Germany, that stands

bloody-handed before the world in Vietnam. And it is America now, that ignores world opinion—and outrage—at its peril. It is America now, that flouts international law, that daily commits acts of genocide, that haunts the world. Yet we, the actual executioners of this policy of war crimes, are also its victims. As with Calley, Mitchell, Torres, Hutto and the others at My Lai, we are its present scapegoats. Yet we did not send ourselves to Vietnam. We did not make the orders. We did not give the commands. We did not write the policy. Most of us were not even old enough to vote when we were inducted into this role of military executioners for United States foreign policy.

"We did not write the rules in Vietnam. In fact, for the most part, we were not even told what they were. We certainly were

not told what the 'rules of war' were in any meaningful detail. But now we have learned. We now know—too late—what war crimes are, in definition and in gory—often personal—detail. We now know that much of what we routinely did in Vietnam is all classifiable as war crimes. We intend to tell America about this.

"We intend to tell America that, yes, we killed and often tortured prisoners; yes, we killed and often tortured women and children; yes, we destroyed villages and even parts of cities and entire towns for no discernible purpose; yes, we used weapons and munitions and even gas, banned by international law; yes, we forceably removed entire populations.

"But we intend to tell more. We intend to tell who it was that gave us those orders, that created that policy, that set that

standard of war, bordering on full and final genocide. We intend to demonstrate that My Lai was no unusual occurrence—other than, perhaps, in the number of victims killed all in one place, all at one time, all by one platoon of us. We intend to show that the policies of Americal Division, which inevitably resulted in My Lai, were the policies of the other Army and Marine divisions as well. We intend to show that the war crimes in Vietnam did not start in March 1968, or in the village of Song My, or with one Lt. William Calley. We intend to indict those really responsible for My Lai, for Vietnam, for attempted genocide.

"We intend to widen the circle of responsibility for war crimes to the top levels of society—and then to draw it tight. We intend to indict, to accuse, to hold responsible our nation's military and military policy leaders.



FREE RUCHELL

"...YOU (AMERICA) ARE PLAYING DANGEROUSLY SICK GAMES
ARE NOT AND CANNOT HIDE THIS CASE

How can we, oppressed people, consider determining our own lives and futures or, discuss the destruction of the machinery of the racist American Empire, when in silence we seemingly allow these very pigs, our confirmed enemies, to determine (as though they could) the very path our revolution will take. We permit ourselves to conveniently forget those whom we need to remember, those of our people, our comrades who are truly working in our interest. And it's all done through t.v./mirror images. And while we cheer for those who pass before the screen, we silent as they would have us be, but those who are purposely pushed to the background. And we continue in this pace from day to day.

Ruchell Magee is a glaring indictment against all of us--for the people have seemingly chosen to forget him. On August 7th of last year, he and three others attempted to carry out a dynamic, revolutionary act in behalf of their own and others' freedom from the oppressors' clutches. The three other men, William Christmas, James McClain and Jonathan Jackson were killed in this attempt, but Ruchell Magee remains, recaptured to stand trial for this heroic act. It was a heroic, revolutionary act, and our applause and our cheers and our support and our actions should proclaim that. But too many have been silent, never fixing their lips--as though afraid--to speak the name of Ruchell Magee. Yet, of the men who executed this act of revolution, he alone does remain in the hands of the pigs, facing the gas chamber. He is charged with murder and kidnapping and conspiracy to commit both.

Whether or not he willingly pre-planned to participate in this act is of no significance here. However, brother Ruchell can clarify that: "On August 7, 1970, I was taken out of my place of confinement (San Quentin Prison)...to testify as a defense witness in the case of: 'People of California vs. James

David McClain'. The time was approximately 10:00 o'clock a.m., and I was on the witness-stand testifying before a trial jury of 12 people...While I was testifying, up rose a young gentleman whom I later learned was seventeen year old Jonathan Jackson." But the significant point is that 31-year old Ruchell Magee has spent 15 years of his life in prison, and only a fool or a man so beaten-down that he could not move would refuse this strike for some semblance of freedom.

Born in Franklin, Louisiana in 1939, Brother Ruchell was there, at the age of thirteen. He was supposed to have stolen \$5.00. When he was sixteen years old, he was arrested again. That time he went to prison. He was supposed to have attempted rape on a White woman. And for that, "attempted aggravated rape", he spent seven long years in a prison--openly recognized as one of the worst in the U.S., even by the pigs themselves--the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola.

After suffering through those years, at the age of 23, Ruchell was paroled to the custody of his aunt, Ethel Burris, in Los Angeles. After a short seven-month period in the minimum security prison of the streets, working as a car-washer and house-painter, Ruchell was again captured by pigs. (A 16-year old young man had gone to prison, and lost his youth; and a 23-year old man walked out and they were attempting to strip him of his manhood.) On March 23, 1963, he was arrested for alleged kidnapping and robbery. The so-called "victim", Ben Thompson, claims brother Ruchell and Ruchell's cousin, Leroy Stewart, forced entry into his car, and robbed him--of \$10.00. After a short trial, Ruchell was sentenced to life in prison.

On December 18, 1964, after Ruchell did most of his own legal work to appeal this legal railroading, his guilty conviction was reversed (L.A. Appellate Court, Case #9375--This particular



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court decision, however, unlike most has conveniently not been published as a public record.) After a quickie new trial, he was again convicted in August, 1965 and sentenced to life imprisonment.

So he has been eight years in prison now for this really unproven charge: "I am allegedly in prison serving life for kidnap and robbery, which if given the chance to do so, I will prove to be false." And then in August of last year, the final blow occurred. In a Marin County courthouse, four men grasped for their guns and their comrades' freedom.

During the incident, hostages (three jurors, the D.A., Gary Thomas, and the judge, Harold J. Haley) were taken from the courtroom by these men, to simply be released and exchanged for the lives of their comrades. They all proceeded to a parked van outside the courthouse. Soon after this, the pig judge was killed, as were three of the four revolutionary brothers. Thomas, the D.A., claims that in a sudden burst of heroism on his part, after he allegedly watched one of the brothers blow Haley's head off, he (Thomas) killed the three comrade brothers. And now he claims that Ruchell Magee killed Haley (Ruchell is, of course the only person left on whom he can "stick" the judge's killing). However, Ruchell can expose this lie: "...Of my own knowledge the first lethal shots were fired by would-be rescuers (police) on direct orders from Warden Louis S. Nelson, who predicated and initiated such deadly orders upon a long standing Director of Corrections' Rule which provides that no person shall be allowed to escape alive by means of any hostage or hostages.... Warden Louis S. Nelson killed unnecessarily and is now accusing me of his crime. I hereby call upon Warden Louis S. Nelson to tell the public the truth, or admit by default, that: (1) The San Quentin Prison Guards were required by long standing prison policy to just shoot at anyone who seriously threatens to

escape with a hostage; (2) The primary objective of prison wardens, is to prevent any prisoner from getting away; (3) The life and/or safety of no hostage is more important than is the prevention of an escape."

And finally the court has forced a racist attorney (court-appointed), Leonard Djorklund, upon brother Ruchell, which attorney he neither requested nor wants. He knows there can be no justice for him, for any Black man, any oppressed person inside the walls of the Empire. He wants to have the status of *Dracula Doveaux* (to represent himself). This would allow him the right to make phone calls, to summon witnesses, to refer to attorneys, etc. The State of California allows for this, yet Ruchell has even been denied this right. He has been refused his request to transfer his case to a Federal Court (as provided by Federal law, Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1446). He has no visiting privileges and is constantly beaten. He is chained when he does come to court, and a special courtroom structure has been erected on the San Quentin Prison grounds for him (to avoid transporting him). He has been denied every civil right. He has been denied all human rights. In his own words, "What remedy or fair justice does a Black man have when he has been willfully convicted on known (lies) perjured testimony. Repeatedly beaten unmercifully by the police. Even during his trial, in presence of the trial judge and spectators of the same court. Plead guilty by court-appointed counsels over his own objections. Railroaded to prison. Denied the right to have the trial transcript or timely-filed appeal. And now criminally oppressed. Harassed and tormented in prison."

Where are the Defense Committees for Ruchell Magee. Where are the rallies, the posters, the leaflets, the support of the people, all of us. Where is our angry cry to "FREEL RUCHELL MAGEE!"

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

INTERCOMMUNAL NEWS



U.S. EMPIRE'S ETHIOPIAN ESTATE

We, Ethiopian students in Algeria, members of the National Union of Ethiopian University Students, have been saddened and angered by the most heinous, cowardly, and barbaric crime perpetrated on the peoples of Eritrea by the feudo-fascist, imperialist-puppet regime of Haile Selassie as well as the U.S. Imperialists and Israeli Zionists. We have been particularly shocked by the savage bombardments and massacres of civilians-- women, children, and the old -- of Keren committed by Haile Selassie's air force and army of puppet mercenaries on December 25 (1970).

For more than a decade the feudo-bourgeois regime of Ethiopia has been committing uncounted crimes against the peoples of Eritrea. It has imprisoned, tortured, and murdered thousands of Eritreans; it has bombed villages; it has massacred innocent and peaceful workers and peasants as well as students. Since the recent heroic execution by the Eritrean Liberation Front of the fascist general Teshome Irgetu, in particular, the feudo-fascist regime has, in despair and in shame, resorted to the most barbaric method of repression. Villages and towns, such as Keren, have been bombed; worse still, the wounded civilians have been left without any medical assistance. According to the latest reports, since December 25, 1970, alone, more than 37,000 Eritreans have been forced to abandon their homes and country to go to the Sudan where the misery and uncertainty of the life of refugees awaits them.

The barbaric massacre of the civilian population of Keren is not an isolated incident in the long blood-drenched reign of Haile Selassie and his feudo-bourgeois ruling clique. The feudal regime has committed similar acts of savagery and genocide against peasants, workers, and students in the recent past in Eritrea as well as in

Ogaden, Bale, Goffam, and even Addis Ababa. Only a year ago this month (December), the imperialist-puppet, feudo-fascist regime massacred in broad daylight more than fifty unarmed students in Addis Ababa. It is worthwhile to remember that the feudo-fascist regime committed this barbaric crime just because the revolutionary support for the Right of All Nationalities in the Ethiopian Empire, particularly the peoples of Eritrea, to self-determination including independence. But the December 25 massacre at Keren

ferocity. But this ferocity is just another proof of the universal characteristic of all reactionary regimes and decadent social systems which look most ferocious in their final death-bed struggle.

The feudo-fascist Ethiopian regime would have neither the political stamina nor the economic and military capacity to perpetuate such crimes on the peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia if it were not for the total diplomatic, economic, and military aid and support given to it by the Yankee Imperialists, Israeli Zionists as well as the German revanchists. As officials of the U.S. State Department and Pentagon crystal clear that recently it is the Zionists finance, equip, train, and direct the puppet-mercenary army of Haile Selassie and his clique with the specific aim of putting down revolu-

ERITREA

Eritrea, a little-known "Province" of Ethiopia, is a strip of land along the Red Sea where guerrilla war has been going on for eight years. The guerrillas are part of the Eritrean Liberation Front (E.L.F.). A movement to free Eritrea from Ethiopian (Selassie's) domination. After suffering under Italian colonization from 1890 to 1941, Eritrea fell under the domination of Great Britain. In 1952 the U.N. placed Eritrea into a federal relationship with Ethiopia. Soon after this, Eritrea was annexed to Ethiopia as a province.

At present there are 1800 American military advisors in Ethiopia, most of whom are in Eritrea. They are there to train the Ethiopian Army. But the main reason those advisors are there is that Eritrea is needed by the U.S. because: 1) A military base (Kagnew) is there, operating as a defense communication system, a satellite earth terminal, a Navy communications Station and an Air Force Base. And Kagnew is strategically located to the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Suez Canal; and 2) Eritrea is considered an area, if independent, that would become part of the "Arab camp", and as such the Red Sea would be completely Arab controlled. Ethiopia is the only place in that



area where the U.S. has overflight, has great importance to the Middle East struggle.

surpasses all records of savagery committed even by the standards of the feudo-fascist Ethiopian regime. The crime proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the tottering feudal regime has been compelled to unmask itself and to come out in its true reactionary

tions in Eritrea as well as in the Ethiopian Empire at large: they supply the bombs, the air craft, and the lethal weapons, and train the mercenary troops to bomb, massacre, and loot

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revolutionaries, peasants, workers, and students in Eritrea and Ethiopia. Imperialism and Zionism are as much enemies of the peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia as the reactionary feudo-bourgeois ruling class of Ethiopia.

In the light of the above facts, we, Ethiopian students in Algeria, in a general meeting today, have resolved the following:

To condemn vigorously the feudo-fascist regime of Haile Selassie and his clique for the fascist bombardment and massacre of the heroic peoples of Eritrea in general and for the savage bombardment and massacre of the civilian population of Keren on December 25, 1970 in particular;

To express our support of the right of the peoples of Eritrea to self-determination including independence;

To express our solidarity with the heroic people of Eritrea and the valiant revolutionary combatants of the Eritrean Liberation Front in their revolutionary struggle for self-determination;

To express our total support of the revolutionary war and violence being waged by the revolutionary combatants of the Eritrean Liberation Front and the Eritrean peoples in justifiable response to the counter-revolutionary war and violence imposed on them by the feudo-fascist regime of Haile Selassie, the U.S. Imperialists and Israeli Zionists;

To demand of the feudo-fascist regime of Ethiopia to stop immediately its counter-revolutionary war and violence against the peoples of Eritrea, to cease immediately all forms of political persecution against Eritreans, to recognize the right of the peoples of Eritrea to self determination including independence and to allow them to determine their destiny by genuinely democratic means, i.e. by universal, direct, and equal suffrage of all Eritrean nationals;

To condemn the U.S. Imperialists and Israeli Zionists for financing, arming, training, and directing the feudal regime and its army;

To demand of the Imperialists and the Zionists to dismantle their bases and military installations of all categories from the Eritrean soil and to withdraw their military personnel and agents;

To call upon our Ethiopian compatriots everywhere to express with all possible means their solidarity with the fighting peoples of Eritrea;

To assure the heroic peoples of Eritrea and the revolutionary combatants of the E.L.F. that the above position and sentiments are fully shared by all the revolutionary students within Ethiopia who, at this particular moment, have no better way of expressing their solidarity due to the

Reign of Terror unleashed by the feudo-fascist regime following last year's massacre of students.



HAILE SELASSIE SLAYS CHILDREN FOR SACRIFICE

Haile Selassie kills children in witchcraft orgies. Yes, the "Christian" Emperor of Ethiopia literally cuts the throats of children of 5 to 15 with certain physical characteristics every week-end in sacrificial offerings to the Devil, known in Ethiopia as "Korith". Every week-end in his highly-guarded and mystery shrouded palace on the shores of Lake Bishoftu (just 40 kilometers out of Addis Ababa) the senile and diabolical autocrat presides over macabre orgies of witchcraft and Black Magic and cuts the throats of the week's victims and sprinkles their blood in the lake. The Medieval, superstitious and primitive dictator is said to believe that the Devil "reveals" to him all the secrets of the world and future happenings.

What we are disclosing now to the incredulous world are the non-political crimes that Haile Selassie commits on innocent, totally non-political children and other individuals. The world may not believe it, but the veracity of Haile Selassie's crimes is not doubted by the Ethiopian people. They know only too well that the Royal Family, the Nobility and the powers that be, have always "indulged" in such superstitious, macabre orgies.

The world demands evidence, we know. We challenge all men of truth and justice to check the veracity of these "accusations" for themselves. As for us, we shall prove our "allegations" by circumstantial evidence, by a recourse to Medieval History, a cursory analysis of the present Ethiopian Coptic Church which implicitly connives at such royal "practices".

We fail to understand why the world refuses to believe that such crimes are committed by a "Christian" Em-

peror. First, it is a fact that the contemporary Ethiopian social system is, at best, at the level of the 16th and 17th century feudal Europe. It is a fact also that the Royal Families, the Nobility and Aristocracy of feudal Europe, indulged in macabre witchcraft orgies and child sacrifice as late as the 17th century, and that the "holy" monks of the reformed Catholic Church provided the lethal poisons for the poisoning of "unwanted" people. The Ethiopian Coptic Church (which is 1600 years old) has produced its own church "literati" (in Ethiopia called "debetas") as well as a set of doctrine, dogma and rituals which is a strange mixture of Judaism, Christianity and paganism. Totally isolated from the rest of the world and Christendom, since the 9th century A.D., the Ethiopian Coptic Church has not heard, nor has it been affected by, the Reformation, the humanistic movement of the Renaissance, and, therefore, its "debetas" (the literati, the intellectual elite of the Church) believe, like the monks of the Middle Ages, that they can, through incantations and child sacrifice to the Devil, "reveal mysteries" and "prophecy".

Therefore, whether the civilized people of the twentieth century like it or not, it is widely held by many superstitious and traditional Ethiopians that the "secrets" and the "mysteries" of the world are "revealed" to some "highly learned friends of the Devil" (i.e. the Church literati). Thus illiterate and superstitious Ethiopians including Haile Selassie (he had a total of only five years of Church and French Mission school education, about 70 years ago) indulge in such witchcraft and the sorcerer's practice.

We now present some evidence for the specific crimes of the Emperor. First, the Emperor, unfailingly, spends his week-ends in his mystery-shrouded, highly-guarded palace on the precipitous shore of Lake Bishoftu where the "terrible and powerful" devil called "Korith" is believed to have his lair. Secondly, some peasants have reported to have frequently observed a group of people descending from the palace in a procession to the Lake in the late hours of Saturday nights. Thirdly, hundreds of Addis Ababa children with special physical characteristics (one characteristic being meeting eye-brows) have, throughout the years, disappeared. Their unsuspecting parents have announced over the Radio and in the newspapers the disappearance of their children. Immediately before and after the abortive coup d'etat the number of "disappearing" children became so high that Addis Ababa parents had to hide their children at home. And soon later the practice of announcing the "disappearance" of the missing children over the government-owned radio and newspapers was abruptly discontinued;

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POLAROID SHOTS BLACK IN SOUTH AFRICA

Liberation News Service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (LNS).—The Polaroid Corporation has announced that it will fight South African apartheid by continuing to do business there. It rejected the demands of the .WRM (Polaroid Revolutionary Worker's Movement) a black worker's caucus within its Cambridge factory who asked Polaroid to cut its ties with South Africa and contribute the profits it has made in that country since 1938 to several African liberation movements.

The company announced in full page advertisements in newspapers throughout the country that while it would stop sales to official government agencies, it will continue selling to private South African companies. Polaroid admitted that it has been selling the South African government an instant photo ID system which the military uses to make "passbook" photos at all times. Although Blacks make up 83% of the population, they can't vote, can't organize trade unions or political parties. Skilled jobs are reserved for whites. Black people can be deported to rural reserves and not allowed back in the cities, or be forced to leave their families for government assigned work.

Polaroid also announced plans for an "experiment" in black education for South Africa. The program involves upgrading and training for non-white employees who Polaroid finally admits are underpaid. The proposal also includes provisions for about 500 scholarships for Black African students. The total package will cost the company an estimated \$60,000 per year. Polaroid's public relations campaign about this progressive experiment cost just about as much.

Polaroid's plans were drawn up when its four man multi-racial fact-finding team recently returned from a ten day trip to South Africa. The trip was spurred by months of demonstrations and boycotts led by the PWRM. The company claims that their team spoke to Black Africans who want Polaroid to do business in South Africa.

It is a treasonable offense in South Africa, to support any campaign for economic withdrawal of foreign firms or sanctions. Anyone found guilty of such support is sentenced to death. What South African would have been foolish enough to suggest economic withdrawal to Polaroid's visiting team?

South African labor legislation

also makes it illegal for any black to occupy a position above any white in a company. "Equal opportunity employment" is completely out of the question in South Africa. When Polaroid headquarters in Cambridge announced that Frank and Hirsch, the firm's South African distributor, was an Equal Opportunity employer, the distributor had to deny it. "I don't know what they were talking about," Frank and Hirsch director German told the Johannesburg Star. "We are governed by the laws of the country. Would they allow the existence

of such a policy? It is not possible."

Government controlled "Bantu" education specifically and openly trains blacks for inferior positions. The government says, "There is no place for him (the black) in the European (white) community above the level of certain forms of labor."

Polaroid sales in South Africa amount to less than \$1.5 million a year out of a worldwide sales of about \$500 million. However, there are 300 other U.S. corporations which reap sizable profits in South Africa. Polaroid has economic connections with several of them.

James Killan, chairman of the MIT corporation and a director at Polaroid, is on the board of directors of GM. GM controls 18% of the auto sales in Africa. They hire blacks who work in their factories with starting wages of 50¢ an hour.

Polaroid deals with two banks—Morgan Trust Company of New York and the Chemical Bank. Morgan Trust was one of the primary financial supporters of South Africa following the Sharpeville massacre of 1960 when nearly 100 black people were gunned down at a peaceful demonstration organized to protest the

recently instituted passbook laws. The loans floated to South Africa allowed it to pull through the economic and political crisis which followed the massacre and to become the country with the highest profit rate in the world. The Chemical Bank has extensive interests in South Africa and is already the target of a UN resolution against its pro-apartheid advertising.

When Edwin Land, the brain behind Polaroid and chairman of its Board of Directors, says that he doesn't want to be pushed around by a group like the PWRM, he speaks for a whole community of corporate and financial interests. "I know one thing," said Land, "If we at this moment, cut off all our business in South Africa, then the newspapers will be full of the vast Polaroid Revolutionary Movement. We would have a series of new demands and there is no doubt that the management would not meet them. The world is watching us right now. Other companies are saying that if Polaroid can't make the grade, none of us can."

The Polaroid Worker's Revolutionary Movement has called for an international boycott of Polaroid products until the company pulls out of South Africa.



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and the government now announces the names of children that have been "found". Finally, many children have reported to people of having been taken to Haile Selassie's palace along with their friends, and that after examination of their face they were told to go to their homes while their unfortunate friends have remained in the palace and, since then, disappeared.

But then, child sacrifice is not the only crime committed by the senile dictator and his ilk in the Imperial Court. For instance, when the late Empress was taken ill and dying, a series of fantastic incidents were reported to have happened in Dire Dawa (a town in eastern Ethiopia, the birth-place of the Emperor). Tens of mutilated corpses of adult males were found lying along the streets for some successive mornings before the death of the Empress. The corpses had one common characteristic: the heart was missing. Some people claimed that they were chased by tall and strong young people whom they believed were soldiers of the Imperial Body Guard. It is believed that the author of such nocturnal and macabre murders was none other than the Emperor; it is said that in his despair to save the life of his empress, the Emperor, after "consultation" with the erstwhile "Korith", had ordered that the heart of certain people with certain pigmentation should be brought from Dire Dawa for ritual and witchcraft ceremonies to "save" the Empress' life.

It is a historical fact that, as re-

cently as 1943, when slavery was finally "abolished" in Ethiopia, ladies of noble birth used to bathe in the blood of slaves so that their "health may be perfect and their life elongated". Even today some of the most powerful members of the nobility do occasionally "indulge" in such "practices" in extreme secrecy. In fact such bathing rituals are carried in palaces in the remote interior. It is an open secret that some of the most powerful feudal land-lords sacrifice some unknown tenant or labourer before every harvest so that the harvest may be "blessed with abundance."

But this is not all. Haile Selassie's superstitious, wilful and cynical crimes against humanity have no end. There is another "insignificant" fact. As the Emperor leaves the country for his innumerable boot-licking visits to his U.S. imperialist masters and for a luxurious stay in the international resorts, and when he returns to his Empire, ceremonies of pageantry and pomp wishing him "bon voyage" or "Welcome" are held in the capital. But Haile Selassie is never pleased at these ceremonies; his heart genuinely relishes the "other ceremonies" held in public in the Empire's prisons as well as in some dark cellars in out-of-the-way places. In these places tens of prisoners as well as unfortunate innocent people are hanged and their heads chopped. Thus the Emperor literally crosses over rivers of blood as he departs and leaves the country. The primitive Emperor, like other superstitious people, believes that sacrifices should be offered to the devils and spirits as one sets on a journey and as one returns home.

Listen, all progressive Americans. It is this primitive and superstitious criminal against humanity who all the occupants of the White House from Eisenhower to Nixon have feted and eulogized as, in the words of John Kennedy, "a man whose place in History has been assured"! It is this macabre practitioner of witchcraft that the Pope and Patriarchs of Christendom eulogize as a "great Christian ruler". The imperialist press deliberately, and the duped neutral press unknowingly, recalling the historic appeal he made to the League of Nations, have called him the "prophet of the demise of the League of Nations", whereas the true "prophets" and authors of the historic appeal (Ethiopian then Foreign Minister, Heruy, and the Representative to the League, Dr. Lorenzo Tazaz) were actually both poisoned and murdered by Haile Selassie in 1941 and 1947, respectively.

How long can you be deceived by this diabolical, primitive sorcerer and practitioner of witchcraft who masquerades as a "Christian" and "Benevolent" Emperor and "elder Statesman" of Africa. How long should you remain adamant to the bitter cries, woes and supplications of the Ethiopian people. But, never mind! The Ethiopian people have now fully realized that only in Self-Reliance can a genuine Revolution be consummated and Salvation achieved.

Members of the National Union of Ethiopian University Students in Algeria



October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program



HUEY P. NEWTON,
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

What We Want What We Believe

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution, so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them; a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.





Huey would say, "a newspaper is the voice of a party, the voice of the Panther must be heard throughout the land."

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RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

**CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS
1048 PERALTA STREET
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this Party, CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either central, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on central, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the Party must know these verbatim by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No Party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing Party work.
2. Any Party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this Party.
3. No Party member can be DRUNK while doing daily Party work.
4. No Party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No Party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No Party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No Party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No Party member will commit any crime against other Party members or Black people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Platform and Program of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be Central and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Party officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader, Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all Chapters and Branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS--all Chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the Central Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No Chapter or Branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the Central Headquarters.
25. All Chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.



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CHAIRMAN, BLACK PANTHER PARTY



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